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Lebanon

PLO Evacuation Process -- The fourth group of PLO fighters, numbering over 1,000, left Beirut port for the YAR, Beirut radio reported. The overland evacuation of "terrorists" to Syria, which was to have begun early on 25 August, was canceled in view of the fighting between Syrians and Christians near the Beirut-Damascus highway, Jerusalem radio affirmed. The radio noted that the fighters might alternatively depart by sea for Syria. According to AFP, an IDF spokesman revealed that Syria had called off the land evacuation without giving any explanation. However, an official Syrian source cited by Monte Carlo radio denied that Syria had made any decision to prevent PLO fighters from entering Syria and, in fact, Syria took "all necessary measures" to receive the fighters. The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio explained that the land route departure was postponed to 26 August because of a delay in the arrival of Italian forces and "some other" problems in the area where these forces are to be deployed. Earlier, Jerusalem television reported that the IDF had agreed to hand its control of the Beirut-Damascus highway over to the Lebanese Army to facilitate the fighters' departure.

Israel has agreed to permit U.S. and Italian contingents to arrive in Beirut on 25 August, before most of the fighters have left the city, Jerusalem radio reported. The radio added later that several hundred U.S. Marines landed in Beirut early that morning.

Aftermath of Al-Jumayyil Election -- Expressing hope that the Lebanese will be able to bypass old slogans and difficulties, rebuild a dignified life and become free of any foreign armed presence, President-elect Bashir al-Jumayyil said there must be opposition and freedom of expression but under no circumstances can acts of sabotage and terror against deputies who attended the presidential election session be tolerated, the Voice of Lebanese reported.

Regarding relations with Syria, Al-Jumayyil said Lebanon has common interests with Syria and he called on the Syrians to start cooperating with the Lebanese on an equal footing and realize that Lebanon is independent and sovereign, according to the radio. He indicated that the Palestinians remaining in Lebanon must abide by Lebanese laws. Meanwhile, a Phalangist spokesman in Bonn said that after the withdrawal of foreign forces, the new administration will tackle the problem of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon as a matter of priority, DPA reported. The Palestinians will be able to stay for the time being as refugees or aliens subject to surveillance by the authorities, the spokesman said, but Lebanon cannot in the long term absorb all of them.

Al-Jumayyil's election is a step toward implementing the "conspiracy" for the liquidation of the Lebanese nationalist will and the new president will be a tool for completing the Israeli occupation in Lebanon, a Damascus radio commentary asserted. Amman radio said the new president must abandon his Phalangist policies, build strong relations with the Muslims, avoid falling onto the "trap" of signing a treaty with Israel and be the "first and most determined person" to request the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

While describing Al-Jumayyil's election as "a clear political achievement for Israel and the United States," Israel's MA'ARIV said Israeli officials have become "doubtful" about Al-Jumayyil's ability to keep his "promise" about peace with Israel because he has at times ignored Israeli advice and broken promises to the Israelis. Speaking of disappointment in Israel that the Phalangists did not adhere to an understanding that if Israel invaded Lebanon they would complete the operation by taking control of west Beirut on their own, Israeli political sources cited by HA'ARETZ said the time has come to "cash in" on Al-Jumayyil's promises to Israel. HATZOFE said the Israelis have made it clear to Al-Jumayyil that his election will not change the status of "Free Lebanon" Commander Maj Sa'd Haddad, who will continue to exercise exclusive control over southern Lebanon and his militia.

In other developments, more deputies' houses were attacked in Beirut and elsewhere, while leftist militiamen seized police and government buildings in Tripoli and Halba, according to Beirut and Voice of Lebanon radio reports.

Military Situation -- The Syrians captured two Phalangist posts in the southern foothills of Mount Sannin, Jerusalem radio reported. The Syrians and Christians engaged in artillery duels near the Beirut-Damascus highway but the IDF was not involved, the radio said. Senior Israeli officers said the IDF will not reply with massive force against cease-fire violations in eastern Lebanon until the evacuation of Beirut is completed because Israel does not want to give the "terrorists" an excuse to halt their departure, THE JERUSALEM POST reported. Israel has released more PLO men from Ansar camp in southern Lebanon and has also reduced its forces around west Beirut, according to Jerusalem and IDF radio reports.

Syrian-U.S. Talks -- Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad's brother, Rif'at al-Asad, has visited Washington for talks with U.S. officials apparently aimed at avoiding widescale Syrian-Israeli clashes in the Al-Biqa' Valley, KUNA reported citing Kuwait's AL-WATAN.

Begin on West Beirut Entry -- Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that Israel did not intend to enter west Beirut but that if it had earlier declared this publicly, the "terrorists" would never have left, Jerusalem radio reported.

Al-Hasan on PLO Future -- Hani al-Hasan, political adviser to PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, asserted that the future of the PLO lies in "underground activity" and "intensive campaigning" in Israel. In an interview with AFP, he remarked that the days of "easy living" for the PLO are over and now the Palestinians must work to exploit the political "gains" achieved in the Lebanese war to create a Palestinian state.

Iran on PLO Evacuation -- An Iranian Foreign Ministry statement carried by Tehran radio condemned U.S. "puppet regimes" which claim to be Muslim for committing the "crime" of taking no effective action in Lebanon and not opposing the PLO "surrender." The statement asserted that the U.S.-Israeli "plot" is aimed at the Palestinian cause, at the Islamic revolution in the region and at expanding the Camp David accords. It went on to say that Muslims and Palestinian fighters must learn not to count on "reactionary regimes" and "puppet" governments, and instead should be prepared to confront future "aggression."

Arab Summit Conference

Lebanese President Ilyas Sarkis and President-elect Bashir al-Jumayyil will attend the upcoming Arab summit conference in Fes, Monte Carlo radio reported. A Palestinian official source cited by KUNA affirmed that PLO Chairman 'Arafat also plans to attend the Fes summit meeting.

Egypt

A commentary broadcast by Cairo radio emphasized that remarks by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger on the partial Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and on forming a Palestinian state are "a step forward," although still not adequate to meet Arab demands. The commentary said the statements showed a more "realistic, objective and equitable" view of Palestinian rights.

Iran-Iraq War

The Political Affairs and Information Committee of the 13th Islamic foreign ministers conference in Niger approved a Moroccan resolution on ending the Iran-Iraq war, INA reported. The Iranian representative at the conference, rejected the resolution and left the conference room, the report said, but the Iraqi representative stressed Iraq's approval of the resolution.

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MORE ON KARMAL'S SPEECH TO ARMED FORCES CADRE

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[Speech by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, delivered on 12 August during a meeting of the DRA Armed Forces guidance and administration leadership cadre [hay'at-e rahbari sowq wa adari] at the Grand Hall of the Ministry of Defense in Kabul -- recorded]

[Excerpts] Dear comrades: Talking and meeting with the heroic and revolutionary army generals and officers always gives me satisfaction and pleasure. I have the pleasure to convey at this grand meeting the greetings and best wishes of the PDPA Central Committee, the Revolutionary Council, the DRA Government and myself to you, the representatives of the heroic army and through you to all the DRA's revolutionary army.

The officers form the backbone of the DRA Armed Forces and enhance the military's situation. Of course [words indistinct] in relation to the defense of the revolution, consolidation of the government's authority and faithfulness to the aspirations of the party and people, have unbreakable links with their relentless struggles.

Comrades, the PDPA Central Committee and Politburo have taken specific measures to strengthen and extend the state power while paying constant attention to the consolidation of the country's defense ability and securing the preparedness of the armed forces.

Using the armed forces for the defense of the revolution is deemed as essential social work. This is an integral part of the government's general activity, for the all-round progress of our society and the restoration of security in the DRA.

Under the present circumstances, military issues are among the most important consideration. The handling of these issues provides suitable conditions for the realization of social plans and the construction of a new life in Afghanistan.

The DRA Government and party leadership (?in accordance) with resolutions of the PDPA national conference and Central Committee plenums are continuing their [words indistinct] for crushing and eliminating the counterrevolutionaries and for enhancing the living standard of the people and the progress of the national culture.

The ninth PDPA Central Committee plenum seriously considered the important and vital issues regarding the enhancing of active political work among the masses and the consolidation of the army and people for the defense of the glorious April Revolution and its new development stage.

The convocation of the ninth plenum was a formidable event in the life of our party and country. The ninth plenum resolutions determined the crucial political work and organization of party and government organs, political command cadres of the armed forces and all the personnel of our country's armed forces.

Despite the difficulties created by the counterrevolution, our people have achieved irrefutable successes in enhancing the national economy.

The production of basic industries, such as energy, coal, cement and natural gas, have increased.

From March 1981 to March 1982 the development and [words indistinct] plans for extending high-voltage power lines from the USSR to Kabul, was completed. Extraction of natural gas (?reached) 2.6 billion cubic meters.

Necessary measures are being implemented for progress in agriculture.

Positive transformations have taken place in commerce. In this area, cooperation with the USSR will be very important. From the sale of natural gas to the USSR alone, the government has earned more than $268 million. The volume of exports has increased and totals $717.5 million. This figure exceeds imports by $310 million.

We are happy to say that despite the attempts of the enemies of the revolution, the prestige of the DRA in the international arena is being enhanced and consolidated. In this connection our solid, fraternal relations with the USSR [word indistinct] and other member countries of the socialist society, and the revolutionary solidarity of the world masses with our revolution, have created suitable opportunities.

DRA foreign policy is based on the principle of peace, justice and honor. We are striving for the restoration of normal and reciprocally beneficial relations with neighboring countries and other countries of the world. The Revolutionary Council and the DRA Government have embarked on important initiatives in foreign policy.

Despite the fact that armed interference in our revolutionary country comes chiefly from Pakistan, it has been suggested to the Pakistani Government that talks should be held concerning relevant issues and a normalization of relations. We confirm our proposal to the Iranian Government to hold talks aimed at restoring friendly relations between the two countries.

The aim of these initiatives is to end the armed aggression of the imperialist reaction in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and to achieve an international guarantee for the security of our country.

[Words indistinct] of the DRA set fire to criminal U.S. imperialism, and its Chinese collaborators and all international reactionary circles. These imperialists are constantly trying to prevent by, all means and methods the reconstruction of our historic and proud country and our social life.

The [words indistinct] progress, development and evolution of our revolution [word indistinct] have caused the anger and insanity of the U.S. imperialist forces. The reactionary actions of the U.S. imperialists against revolutionary Afghanistan have become an inseparable part of the general aggressive policy of this country.

The U.S. imperialists, by trampling on international law and ignoring all standards of international life, with special shamelessnes proclaims various regions of the world as so-called regions of its vital interests, and itself as the defender of freedom.

But the aggressive policy cannot be (?hidden) by fabrications.

The world public knows very well that the U.S. (?imperialists) are the defenders of bloodthirsty fascist regimes, organizers of aggression against liberated countries and responsible for the undeclared war against the DRA.

The United States, with the collaboration of Chinese hegemonists, have transformed Pakistani territory into a center for training counterrevolutionaries and, as in the past, the infiltration of counterrevolutionaries across the borders, and the transportation of weapons and equipment to our revolutionary soil, are being organized.

We must profoundly understand that the counterrevolutionaries, with the broad economic and military support of international reaction, are striving to maintain tension in our country, to organize prolonged economic destruction and to arrange difficulties in the supply of foodstuff and work for the people as well as transportation and trade. With these aims in mind, they have directed their terrorist and destructive actions to communications lines and highways, and they continue to find hideouts and stores for their weapons and foodstuffs in difficult terrain.

Meanwhile, the rebels are striving to influence the people by deception, creation of poverty and misuse of the religious feelings of Muslims. Therefore, the present circumstances require that we increase the awareness and vigilance of our heroic army by (?at least) 10 fold.

Our people have had enough of the cruelty, atrocity and plundering of the rebels and are asking for a peaceful life. They demand speedy elimination of the rebel bands. Hence, our immediate and [word indistinct] duty is to ensure a tranquil life, the elimination of counterrevolutionaries in the country and a satisfactory defense of the revolution.

The PDPA national conference regarded defense of the revolution as the prime duty of the party and all the people of Afghanistan and called it the proud and lofty duty of the armed forces.

The party's Central Committee regards the army as a modern and regular force to crush the enemies and to restore normality in the country. The army is the sharp revolutionary sword of our working people which cuts the feet and hands of class enemies and (?prevents) their barbarous actions.

The companies and units of the army, together with the companies of the security forces, sarandoy and party activists, have displayed numerous examples of faithfulness to the homeland and revolution.

Important successes have been achieved in the task of enhancing the armed forces, particularly in the current year. With the disinterested assistance of the USSR, supervision of the party's Central Committee and the Revolutionary Council, its capability is being consolidated and its (?combatant) operational and tactical abilities are being enhanced. The organizational structure of the forces and the political and combatant activities of the military personnel are being improved.

In the present circumstances, defense of our sacred country against aggression, the foiling of conspiracies and armed provocations by the counterrevolutionaries and the resolute crushing of criminal bands are the fundamental duties of the [word indistinct] army.

With full satisfaction we must say that these historic and proud duties are being carried out, and the effective combatant actions in important vital regions of the country are examples of them. The blows which have been inflicted on the enemies in Kandahar, Panjshir, Ghazni and Laghman regions have crushed and eliminated various groups of rebels.

Defense of the revolution decisively requires the serious attention of the party and government organs and miilitary leadership cadres in order to continually consolidate the DRA Armed Forces. Realization of this important duty is linked with many political, organizational, military, cadre and other problems.

I would like to draw your attention to the fundamental and general phases of consolidation of the armed forces, which means enhancing combatant capability and actively strengthening the military.

As we said at the PDPA national conference and the ninth plenum of the PDPA Central Committee, the requirements of political and training work in the units still lag behind the requirements of the time and are (?necessary) in order to achieve serious improvements.

The political backwardness of political work must be observed under the following considerations:

First, the (?characteristic) of the country's internal situation -- the class struggle -- which the armed forces have direct role in -- must be considered. It must always be kept in mind that the class enemy (?aims) to disorganize the military, to weaken its power and ability and to prevent its participation in defense of the revolution.

Second, the national customs, cultural and religious traditions of the people of Afghanistan must be seriously observed. On the bases of these traditions, together with patriotism, we can foster a proper confrontation with the counterrevolution and can foil the enemy's strivings to misuse religious feelings, national feelings and general illiteracy [words indistinct].

Third, [word indistinct] support for the revolution and the fraternal assistance of the USSR, have particular importance for us. (?Enhancing) Afghan-Soviet friendship is a confident source of training and embues the people with the spirit [word indistinct] and victory over the enemies and the invincibility of the revolutionary transformations in the DRA.

The PDPA Central Committee, in a consideration of the above particulars, regards the continuous improvement of political work as an important and [word indistinct] struggle against the counterrevolution.

We must train our military personnel in the spirit of disgust for the enemies of the revolution so that they will be ready at any time to crush the counterrevolution.

The second issue is to strengthen the role and effect of party organizations in the solution of political problems, and to strengthen discipline and order in the units. The party organization of the army forms the greater part of the PDPA. In its ranks there are more than 20,000 full and candidate members. Commanders and political workers must actively make use of their energy and credits.

It must be remembered that training work constitutes the fundamental duty of all party organizations. Through the party organization we must broadcast the party's aspirations among the masses and mobilize all the party members and all personnel of the armed forces in order to eliminate the counterrevolutionaries.

Comrades, the unity of the party and the solidarity of party ranks in the army has clear, formidable, fundamental, [word indistinct], vital and national importance for the consolidation of the armed forces and confident defense of the April Revolution. [applause]

Formalism in training, that is to say adhering to formality and superficial behavior toward the work, is not permissible.

The firm links of political work with [word indistinct] and with the general activity of the units and companies, will provide an opportunity to solve in a better manner the issues pertinent to military training. These links will help to plan specific (?measures) for enhancing the political and spiritual morals of the troops and officers for participating in combat activities.

[Words indistinct] units and companies and their activities against the counterrevolution, reveal that some of the companies carry out in a weak manner their combat activities. They do not impose their will on the rebels and do not create unbearable (?conditions) for them. This has given the rebels the opportunity to consolidate forces in various regions of the country.

I must point out that in the task of preparing the forces for combat activities there are serious [word indistinct] and shortcomings.

The leadership cadres of the armed forces, commanders and political workers must not reduce the level of combat preparedness. The army personnel must make expert use of their weapons. The leadership cadre must accomplish the administration and [word indistinct] of the units and companies with high expert ability.

By the blessing of the fraternal and disinterested assistance of the USSR, our armed forces have access to modern weapons and tactics. These are regarded as essential for the defense of the glorious April Revolution and for forging ahead with combat preparedness. But unfortunately in some instances in the units and during combat, weapons are handled irresponsibily; this is unforgiveable. (?It is due to the lack) of attention of the commanders, [word indistinct] and the weakness of the activities of organic, political and [word indistinct] in this respect.

The leadership cadre of the army and all generals and officers must first of all prepare and organize control and serious supervision of accounting, punishment and maintenance of weapons and war tactics in the units.

Secondly, the officers must improve and implement the training and educational system of the personnel to broaden their military experience so they can respond to the needs of different situations.

On the threshold of the fourth anniversary of the glorious April Revolution promotions were given to 10,000 army personnel and to more than 3,000 officers who displayed heroism and bravery on the battlefield. Much attention has been paid to the material benefits of the generals and officers of the armed forces.

The PDPA Central Committee has (?the right) to demand more from the generals and officers of the armed forces. The officers and generals [words indistinct] should increase the combat readiness of the personnel under them and the [word indistinct] of the revolution. According to a [word indistinct], which (?can be seen) in the activity of some generals and officers, they (?talk little) to their troops and lower-ranking officers and they do not speak with them concerning the [word indistinct] duties of the vital struggle in our revolutionary homeland. It is necessary for the leadership to personally take part in political and training work. They should go to units and companies of the armed forces, explain and convey the resolutions of the Central Committee to the mind and heart of each soldier in such a way that they will then voluntarily put it into practice. Political work in the armed forces cannot be separated from the (?general) activity of the PDPA among the people. The duties [words indistinct]. The struggle of the (?army) against counterrevolutionary bands and its participation in [word indistinct] youths in the armed forces is linked with the strengthening of state power in the areas which have been freed and with step-by-step (?propaganda) work among the people.

In performing the above-mentioned duties, the strengthening of relations between the army, sarandoy, KHAD [state information service], party organizations and state local organs is of great importance. Assistance should be given to organizing and training armed groups of local people for protection duties in their villages, as a result of which a considerable [word indistinct] of the army would be spared for the actual struggle in other areas. [word indistinct] of the youths in sacred military service is one of the aspects [words indistinct] of the armed forces. The Central Committee and the Revolutionary Council have taken specific measures for [word indistinct] and conscription of youth in the armed forces.

(?According to) the general conscription law [passage indistinct] and to succeed, in the current year, to [word indistinct] increase the general total of armed forces personnel. The successful solution of the conscription problem requires that propaganda and propagation work among the local people and [words indistinct] should improve. (?In this work), initiative and bravery must be shown. (?Work should be carried out) among elders, patriotic clergy and representative [words indistinct] and to gain the people's confidence in the revolutionary party and government.

Without any doubt, this work should be carried out alongside the representatives of sarandoy and state power organs, because their responsibility for conscripting youths into the armed forces for the army is [word indistinct]. In units and companies (?of the armed forces), high military discipline should be maintained, care should be taken for the food and clothing of the troops and low-ranking officers, and higher political and combat education and training for them should be organized.

In the present stage, or the stage of transformations and formidable revolutionary changes in our country, the army, the security forces, the sarandoy and all patriotic forces of the country have the great honor to be armed to defend the just interests of the country's workers. The leadership cadres and every person who loves the homeland and revolution must perceive properly the greatness of the historic duties which are laid before the party, the people and our proud armed forces.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo is fully confident that the DRA Armed Forces will score new victories in accomplishing the duties placed before them by the PDPA national conference. The continuous, relentless and indefatigable work of each organ of government and military circles must be only this: that we should accomplish our patriotic revolutionary duties with pride and honor and secure a peaceful and tranquil life for our compatriots.

AFP: REBELS KILL 200 PARTY WORKERS IN PAGHMAN

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[Text] New Delhi, Aug 24 (AFP) -- Several hundred Afghan Communist Party volunteers were killed or wounded when Moslem insurgents attacked a party meeting in Paghman, about 20 kms (12 miles) north-west of the Afghan capital last week, Western diplomatic sources said here today. The diplomats, quoting well placed sources in Kabul, said two city hospitals were packed with wounded from the attack, which took place on August 19.

Other non-Western diplomats, who also monitor developments in the embattled country, confirmed the insurgent attack, but abstained from giving any casualty figures. They said there had been "a number of casualties", but refused to comment on their Western counterparts figure of "several hundred."

There was also no independent confirmation of the reports. The Afghan Embassy here when approached refused to comment.

The Soviet-backed government of Babrak Karmal, in an apparent gesture to demonstrate the government's hold on Paghman had arranged a party meeting there. The volunteers, who were low level government employees, were taken to Paghman, a former royal summer resort from Kabul, in state-owned buses.

As the party leaders began making speeches, the insurgents sprayed the meeting with bullets and "killed or wounded" several hundred party volunteers, the Western diplomats said.

Paghman, which is strategically important both to the Soviet-aided Afghan Government troops and the insurgents, had been the scene of fierce fighting on several occasions since the Soviet Union marched its troops into Afghanistan in December 1979.

There had been contradicting claims in recent weeks on the situation in Pahgman with the government claiming absolute control over the area.

Kabul news media, from time to time, published photographs of Paghman and carried reports of local people thanking the government for clearing the area of "counter revolutionaries", the term used by the state controlled media to describe the insurgent.

Western diplomats said the government had ordered the low level employees to report to duty early on August 19. When they came they were told they had to attend a party meeting in Paghman.

The insurgents, who had often ambushed government convoys and military outposts in Paghman in the recent past, had infiltrated the meeting.

Party leaders who were addressing the meeting when the attack took place managed to board a jeep standing nearby and flee the scene.

The insurgents also partially damaged two tanks and several armoured personnel carriers, the diplomats said.

Five of the buses used for bringing the party volunteers were also damaged in the attack, the diplomats said.

Meanwhile, the Afghan Government ordered last night the seizure of all cinema projectors throughout the country and announced strict censorship of films, cassettes, magazines, books and photographs which contain "materials against morality, Moslem religion and the people's customs."

In a broadcast over the state-owned Kabul radio monitored here, the government also announced a ban on import-export of radio and radio cassettes.

The government order follows reports that the insurgents were smuggling in cassettes containing speeches by Pakistan-based insurgent leaders calling the Afghans to join the "jihad" (holy war) against the Soviet Army.

The ban also follows a step-up in broadcasts by the British Broadcasting Corporation, and the Voice of America. A few months ago a French organisation set up independent rebel radio transmitters inside Afghanistan with the help of the rebels.

BABRAK KARMAL URGES EMIGRES TO RETURN HOME

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[Message from Babrak Karmal, president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, to 'compatriots living abroad' -- date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful and compassionate. Brothers, the national and democratic April Revolution inflicted a deadly blow to the despotic domination of fuedals and corrupt bureaucrats who for many years kept our people in poverty, disease and illiteracy and ignored their worth and legitimate rights.

The April Revolution is the beginning of a new and grand path, taking our people to prosperity, complete freedom from all despotic feudal and prefeudal relations and new culture, health, civilization and progress.

After the victory of the revolution those who owned plenty of land, great capital and unlimited power found their interests endangered and they unleashed a war of revenge against the revolution. The (?merciless) enemies of your homeland -- international imperialism led by U.S. imperialism, reactionary regimes of the region, hegemonist China, reactionaries, feudalists and those who had power in our country -- got together and they have not refrained from committing any crime and destruction against our people.

Moreover, Amin and his henchmen in the early days of the victory of the revolution, embarked on a conspiracy within the party and the revolutionary government against the principled and healthy humanitarian and realistic forces of the PDPA. After their total usurpation of power, they imposed the worst kinds of torture, crime and burdens on our people. This conspiracy helped the enemies of the revolution who were waiting for such deadly mistakes from us so they could channel their opposition to our revolution.

However, compatriots, you should be aware that this treachery and deviations were fully inconsistent with our revolution. Today in the country we have adopted democratic legality in its true sense and we have given absolute legality to the rights and freedom of our people. The victory of 28 December foiled all the conspiracies of the region's reactionary countries and imperialism. They embarked on a broad conspiracy against our country. As a result, the territorial integrity, independence, national sovereignty and our people's revolutionary gains were faced with serious danger. In order to defend the homeland against external aggression we were obliged to ask for immediate assistance from the long-time genuine friend of the people of Afghanistan -- that is to say, the USSR.

The enemies of the revolution who thus found their wicked plans facing defeat have unleashed propaganda, alleging that Afghanistan has been occupied by the USSR. This is a shallow fabrication and totally removed from truth. The fraternal assistance of the Soviets is in accordance with the Soviet-Afghan friendship treaty of December 1978 and Article 51 of the UN Charter.

Compatriots, we detest the fratricide, discord and hostility among our people. We have always struggled for the unity of action and consolidation of fraternity among the people, all the tribes, clans and nationalities residing in our beloved and united country, and we will continue to spare no effort or devotion. During the 2 and 1/2 years which have passed since the toppling of Amin's bloodthirsty regime, we have shown we are the genuine and devout servants of our people.

We assure you compatriots that the situation in our country is rapidly improving. No one will be harassed, persecuted or interrogated because of his religious beliefs or political and ideological inclinations so long as he does not resort to conspiracy and subversive actions against the people and our revolution. The rights, freedom of ownership and personality of the individual are inviolable. We have willingly given legal status to the revolutionary council presidium general amnesty decree dated 18 June 1981 concerning all those who fell prey to deception.

You are living in poverty, far from the homeland, having a difficult life without any substance, far from the warm family atmosphere and under constant insult; while the revolution provides you with the possibility of land, work, education and participation.

Do you not know that U.S. imperialism and the Pakistani and Chinese regimes are using you as easy and inexpensive tools? You have no authority of your own. Such so-called leaders of the Jami 'it, Harakat-e Islami and other parties -- who themselves live like kings in luxurious palace -- are exploiting you. We assure you that in any event, we will restore full security in our country. Our revolution is consolidating and more and broader ranks of the people are rallying round it.

Life shows that every day our party and its links with the people are growing stronger and the enemy is increasingly facing defeat.

In the name and honor of the Afghan people, in the name of the homeland, arouse yourselves and return to the homeland which is waiting for you and to which you have rights and obligations. The homeland will take you to its bosom; it is not too late; turn back from the road which you have taken mistakenly and due to enemy deception. Respond to the kind call of the homeland and resume the normal, humane, proud and free-born life of your ancestors and proud homeland. In this regard there is no barrier in your path. The government and the DRA state will provide you with the necessary conditions for engaging in work and [words indistinct] and a life appropriate for humanity.

Make use of this real opportunity which in a desirable and dignified way could alter your destiny and that of your children.

Let us come together and build and [word indistinct] our beautiful homeland. The homeland needs you.

Success verily comes from God.

BANKING DELEGATION RETURNS FROM USSR VISIT

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[Text] Kabul, August 23, BAKHTAR -- An Afghan delegation representing the bankers of the DRA headed by Dr. Paktiawal, general president of the Central Bank of the DRA, returned home today from Moscow.

Dr. Paktiawal said that the discussions the Afghan delegation held with the state authorities of the state banks of the Soviet Union, the Bank of Soviet External Trade, the Bank for International Economic Cooperations and the banks for financing international investments on the expansion of banking cooperation were quite fruitful and valuable.

REBELS CRUSHED IN QANDAHAR, HERAT PROVINCES

LD211758 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 21 Aug 82

[Text] A BAKHTAR correspondent, citing a Qandahar army corps spokesman, reports that the trouble makers -- a notorious band and lackeys of imperialism and reaction -- who for some time had been disrupting the social life of the workers in Quandahar Province by terrorism and plundering, were crushed recently by the courageous and revolutionary officers and troops of the Qandahar army corps.

The report adds that about 11 ammunition dumps, many antitank mines and a large number of various types of weapons were destroyed.

About 343 heavy and light weapons including machineguns, antitank [word indistinct] mines, dozens of handgrenades, 40 rocket launchers, 1 antiaircraft machinegun, an R-103 communications system and more than 50,000 assorted bullets were captured from these enemies of the tranquillity and security of our toiling people.

According to another report, the officers and courageous troops of the Herat 17th Force and the Balkh 18th Force recently crushed groups of counterrevolutionaries in Enjil district, Herat Province, along with their ringleaders, named as (Abdol Hai Baladi), and (Tahweldar), and have arrested a number of them in Chahar Bulaq district.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that [words indistinct] about 78 assorted weapons and 15 heavy machineguns were seized in Enjil district and about 25 light weapons, 8 rocket launchers, 1 heavy machinegun and a large number of assorted bullets were seized in Chahar Bulaq district.

PAKISTAN-CHINA KHUNJERAB PROTOCOL PROTESTED

BK241617 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 24 Aug 82

[Text] India has lodged a protest with Pakistan against the protocol signed with China on opening the Khunjerab Pass on the Karakoram highway in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The protest was conveyed orally by the secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Natwar Singh, to the Pakistan ambassador, Riaz Piracha, in New Delhi. India has also protested against the establishment of border posts in that pass. The written protest will be delivered shortly to the Pakistan Foreign Office by the Indian Embassy in Islamabad.

It may be recalled that India had in 1969 protested to China against the decision to make the Karakoram highway. Another protest was lodged to China in 1978 on the inauguration of the highway.

389 POLICEMEN FIRED FOR 'INDISCIPLINE' IN HARYANA

BK250909 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] In Haryana, services of 96 more policemen have been terminated on charges of indiscipline. These policemen held a demonstration at Panchkula near Chandigarh yesterday. With this the total number of policemen discharged from service in the last 2 days has reached 389.

Speaking to newsmen in Chandigarh today, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal said the government will not bow before any agitation.

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF EXPECTS NO NEW TROUBLE

BK250723 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] Maharashtra Chief Minister Babasaheb Bhosale has said the state government does not expect any fresh trouble following the release of some of the arrested policemen under a court order. He also said that except for the demand for automatic promotion of constables after 15 years of service, all other demands have been accepted. A committee headed by Inspector General of Police D.S. (Suman) is to submit its report on the demands and grievances of policemen.

TAMIL NADU PENAL CODE PROVISIONS SUSPENDED

BK201005 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 20 Aug 82

[Text] The Supreme Court has suspended the operation of certain provisions of the Tamil Nadu Indian Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Act 1982. The interim stay was granted by a division bench comprising Chief Justice Chandrachut, Justice Chenappa Reddy and Justice Sen. The petitioner, the editor of a Tamil eveninger had challenged the constitutional validity of Section 292 A of the Indian Penal Code as amended by Tamil Nadu through the Amendment Act. The act was enacted by the Tamil Nadu government declaring grossly indecent and scurrilous writings a cognizable and nonbailable offense.

Meanwhile, the Madras reporters guild has condemned the Bihar press bill. It called for the immediate repeal of the Tamil Nadu Press Act. In Goa, the journalists took out a procession yesterday opposing the Bihar press bill.

PRESIDENT TO VISIT BANGLADESH, DPRK, PRC

SK230846 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0812 GMT 23 Aug 82

[A "pool" item]

[Text] Dacca, Aug 21 (INA) -- Pakistan's President General Ziaul Haq will pay an official visit to Bangladesh some time early next year. This was announced by the Pakistani leader in an exclusive interview published in the Bengali daily ITTEFAQ. General Zia described his forthcoming visit to Bangladesh as something special. He said this was the reason why he did not include Bangladesh in his forthcoming visits to Indonesia, Malaysia, China and North Korea.

VISITING PRC DELEGATION CALLS ON ZIAUL HAQ

BK231648 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 23 Aug 82

[Text] The Chinese [Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region] delegation called on President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Rawalpindi this afternoon. During the meeting it was noted that the opening of the Khunjerab Pass will pave the way for further enhancement of cooperation between the people of the two countries.

AFP: INDIAN TROOPS FIRE ON BORDER INHABITANTS

OW231944 Hong Kong AFP in English 1910 GMT 23 Aug 82

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 23 (AFP) -- Indian troops opened fire in Nikyal sector of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir and killed two civilians, reports reaching here from the border town of Kotli said today.

Two civilians, identified as Sakhi Muhammed and Muhammed Bashir, were shot dead in the "unprovoked" Indian firing while they were cutting grass "well inside their own territory," sources in Kotli said.

The troops across the border opened fire at 10 a.m. (0500 GMT) and kept on firing for 6 hours, they said, adding the Indian troops did not let the bodies be recovered.

The local military command has reported the matter to the United Nations military observers, posted in the Azad (free) Kashmir since 1948, the sources said.

NUSRAT BHUTTO WANTS TO LEAVE FOR MEDICAL REASONS

BK251006 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] In Pakistan, Mrs Nusrat Bhutto has asked for permission to leave the country for medical treatment. Mrs Bhutto head the banned Pakistan People's Party.

BRIEFS

SAUDI LOAN -- The Saudi Fund for Development has agreed to provide Pakistan a loan of more than $46 million for the second phase of the Pipri thermal power station project. An agreement in this regard was signed in Islamabad on 9 August between the vice chairman of the Saudi Fund and the federal minister for finance. The loan will be utilized to install the second unit of 200-megawatts at the Pipri power station. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 10 Aug 82 BK]

KHOMEYNI ADDRESSES HAJJ, JUDICIAL OFFICIALS

GF231244 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Aug 82

[Speech by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to religious judges, supervisors of hajj pilgrims and officials of revolution courts, revolution and Central Prosecutors' Office personnel at Jamaran Mosque in Tehran 22 August -- recorded; duration 51 minutes]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Today we have received the gentlemen clergy and others who are, God willing, like the clergymen. In the presence of clergymen it is difficult to say everything. There are many matters related to the clergymen in general and some matters related specifically to the clergymen who will accompany the hajj caravans and there are matters related to the judges and the prosecutors of the country. There are other matters which we do not know if we will have time to talk about.

The gentlemen clergy are well aware of the matters relating to them, wherever they are, from those who are the sources of emulation down to the ones who are serving Islam in a village.

Today, the expectation of the nation, the oppressed people and nations of the world from you clergymen, wherever you are, is very high. Your [life] today is different from the past when you were under the control of the decadent Pahlavi regime and oppressed by the worlds' oppressors. If there was silence, then they accepted it, assuming that gentlemen could not talk and explain the matters of Islam. They did not have the power to act and bring Islam to the people. However, this matter has been solved and today, thanks to the Almighty, the gentlemen wherever they are, can discuss matters freely and can guide people freely. If there is any general issue for the nation today, God forbid, if the clergymen who have any contact with such issues show some negligence or make a mistake, then this will no longer be acceptable to the almighty or the people. We can no longer say: What will we do? There is SAVAK, and that is why we can do nothing.

We, you gentlemen, are free to give guidance today on issues relating to Islam, in matters that may create deviation. We should guide the people, government employees, and discuss problems with them and thus eliminate deviations. Many problems have been witnessed by most of you. Some of the older ones among you know what it was like during the former decadent regime. You know what things were like, what people you had to deal with and who was ruling the nation and these oppressed people. We must praise the Almighty who saved us from this great problem and give Him our thanks for saving us from such difficult problems which had no parallel in the past 50 years. Our thanks would be to serve. We must thank Him in words but the true thanksgiving is to work today so that God Almighty is satisfied with us: praise Him for having rid us of this decadent regime which had destroyed or wanted to destroy everything we had.

An important matter is the question of judgment. Among several other things, one matter which has been carefully noted by Islam is the matter of judgment courts and prosecutor's offices who deal with people's rights.

I should explain that judging is one of those matters which is related to competence. Before there are enough competent ones, it is [word indistinct] that is to say, if a judgment is left or if deviationists become judges then all those who can judge either by their own interpretation or by example must enter the judgment and get rid of the problem. Today although we are talking to the gentlemen who are in charge of the judiciary and courts, there is such a possibility; in other words, we mean that we do not have enough judges.

If there are deviationists or suspected deviationists in jails and the judges have not been able to look into their cases, it is because there is a shortage of judges. It is necessary for all those who can judge to volunteer and thus become judges and eliminate the shortage since there may possibly be some people who are either not guilty or their crime is not that great and they need to be freed.

The respected teachers of Qom seminary who, thank God, are very active, must discuss this matter in the seminary so that those who are competent to judge even by example can register and come and judge the cases of those in prison so that we can solve the problems of those cases which should have been looked into but have not because of a lack of manpower. This is everyone's duty until the required number has been found. Sometimes people are cautious and warn others to be cautious. They warn that judging is difficult and so forth even though it is everyone's duty. When some people act and the required number has been reached then it will no longer be everyone's duty. However, if the judgment is not made then everyone is responsible.

They are cautious about entering the field but this is a duty and caution cannot be excused. Some people may want to continue their education -- so they should -- but when duty calls they cannot ignore it. They must go and work to the necessary limit so, God forbid, an innocent person's case will not be ignored.

I give responsibility for this to the Qom seminary teachers, the ulema in Mashhad, Esfahan and other places where there are seminaries. They will have to invite and encourage people any way they can since this is a religious duty. I cannot pray at night when a religious duty is left to be done. When it is a religious duty I have to carry it out even if it interfered with other duties. This is a matter that has to be noted and the religious teachers and the ulema of the country must point this out and eliminate the shortage so that the problem is solved.

Another point is the matter of judgment which should be carefully noted by the judges, public prosecutors and all those who are concerned with this important Islamic principle. This is a great responsibility and you must bear this responsibility. You must enter the field but it is a very important matter. You must remember that the nation's life, property and honor are in the hands of the judges and the courts. They are responsible for these matters. They must pay maximum attention to the general interests of Islam. They should be careful that neither the guilty are let free nor the innocent bothered. The judges must be decisive individuals on both sides of the cases. If someone has to be killed according to shari'a orders then they must not take pity. That is not allowed.

If, let us assume, the individual must be put in jail or punished then they should punish him. If, God forbid, someone is innocent then they must immediately acquit him and set him free. A judge must think like that. He must not be so kind as to let criminals go free. We witnessed such criminals some nights ago and shuddered. There are a great many examples we have not seen. Not all of the criminals have been found. There are many who may not be found until the end, in the future and in front of the Almighty. We have seen only a few examples. We saw one a few nights ago. One could not understand the extent of crimes committed by such individuals brought into this world by divine blessing. It is difficult for one to imagine this. I do not believe that one animal would treat another in such a manner. Well, here we are faced with such matters.

Now suppose a judge shows kindness and is lenient toward such people -- I do not say beyond the limits granted by divine guidance -- they must not even be slapped once, but the judge should not forgive one who should be killed according to the shari'a. On the other hand, not even one harsh word should be uttered against someone who is innocent. Those who are guilty should not be dealt with inhumanely. If they are to be killed, then they should be killed. If they are to be executed then they should be executed. If the judges want to do anything else, then they should note that they are responsible. The same goes for the officials in charge of jails. They all must pay heed, the leaders or those who are in charge of carrying out the duties, that the limits set by God do not mean that one who should be killed should be sworn at. This is not allowed. It is impermissible to slap them. This will result in retribution. A murderer who is being taken to be executed has the right to retaliate if he is slapped even once. Such an act is contrary to shari'a. Do not think you can do what you wish to someone who is in jail. God willing, you will not and must not. The respected shari'a magistrates must carry out their duties with great care so that, God forbid, nothing is done contrary to Islamic values.

We who claim our republic is Islamic and that Islamic precepts must be implemented, must remember that one important issue is the question of prisons, another is the question of the courts, various justice departments and prosecutor's offices. If we continue to act contrary to shari'a in the courts, as in the past, then we must consider this republic dead. It has repeatedly been pointed out that if you lack the relevant law then you must issue circulars informing all the judges to act according to shari'a and ignore the rules of the former regime. Here I declare, addressing all the judges in the country and all those in the judiciary system, all those laws in force during the time of idolatry, all those laws which are contrary to shari'a must be discarded. I take the responsibility. Discard all of them and use shari'a laws instead. [chants of God is great, Khomeyni is the leader, death to the (?liberals) and counterrevolutionaries, death to the United States]

If the judicial council has so far failed to do so, God forbid, it must now issue circulars to all the judges, public prosecutors, courts and everyone throughout the country informing them that all law based on corruption is corrupt! Maybe there are some among them that are in accordance with shari'a; those must be acted upon. All those contrary to shari'a must be ignored and anyone acting upon them is not only disgraced in front of God Almighty, his excuse of acting according to law is unacceptable. What law? The law which is contrary to Islam and shari'a? Such laws must not be adhered to. Even if you have to administer the former laws, then you should remember that one of the clauses in the supplementary amendment to the Constitution of the former regime stated that no law contrary to shari'a is law. However, it was never acted upon. Accordingly, those things that have been passed as law and are contrary to shari'a are not law, even according to the Constitution of the former regime.

You cannot say it is law if you are asked why you acted on those bases. The former Constitution was like this and the present one is clear. Those who act this way are guilty. You must not listen to others. If anyone asks you to do anything contrary to shari'a saying it is the law, then slap him in the mouth. Do not pay attention to anyone. I do not ask you to slap him literally. However, stand up to him and tell him that it is contrary to shari'a, so you will not and must not act according to them. God willing, the gentlemen have already done so. If it has not been noticed yet, then they must do it again; invite the offenders and try them. The former Justice Department has to be transformed to an Islamic justice department.

It is not right to say that the law is from the past but we must act on it. The former laws must be discarded since they were based on the former Constitution, the amendment to which states that any law contrary to shari'a is not law. Therefore, anyone who says the law says so is wrong. It is not law. It was an idolatrous act during the era of idolatry. Therefore, the gentlemen must not pay attention to such matters. The Council of Guardians, the Judicial Council should issue circulars informing everyone that the former laws that are contrary to shari'a must not be acted upon and anyone who acts on them is guilty, must be tried and receive punishment. This is all about this issue. Of course, there are a great many issues about the courts and such; however, there is no more time.

As for the hajj and the gentlemen who will accompany the caravans, the important thing is to understand the grievances of the people. You must see and understand how the poor live and emulate them. If people expect to have luxuries in hajj that they do not even have in their own homes then this cannot be hajj. This hajj that God Almighty has made the duty of everyone is for the purpose of going there and observing the lives of people. When we went we could see the lifestyle of the people of Hijaz to some extent, but the pilgrims cannot see it now. When we were going from Mecca to Medina by car, wherever it stopped in those endless deserts they came out from under the bushes and such. Children without clothes, women whose only clothing was a piece of cloth [shater], men whose condition cannot be described came and begged from people. People should see this before expecting to have everything at their disposal because they are going on a pilgrimage with a caravan. No, they should pay some attention to such things. The gentlemen clergy should call people's attention to such matters so they have no great expectations.

You are taken in an airplane. In the past it was by donkey. How long did it take? From some parts it would take 14 months. It would take 14 months to go and return from pilgrimage. Now you sit in an airplane and get there in comfort after 2 or 3 hours. When you went in the past there were no houses; you had to go and toil and make the preparations, with the conditions of the time and all the filth. Now your house is prepared for you. You are pilgrims, Muslims who wish to look after other Muslims, who want to take care of the oppressed of the world. Do not raise your expectations so high that, God forbid, the Almighty suddenly should say this should not be so and then (?it can no longer be). Then the problems will increase. You, the gentlemen of the clergy, must inform the people that if there is anything lacking, the gentlemen have toiled and done the job, they cannot work harder than they have. They have worked the best they can and they have done the job. They have prepared houses, considering all the difficulties there, and they cannot do more. If you see something lacking, it is not because the gentlemen did not want to provide it. They could not. What should they do? Should they say: Do not come because we cannot find you a big place or find you an amusement park and such. No, you should go and pay attention to all the efforts of the (?poor people).

This is the duty of the ulema who are accompanying the pilgrims; that is to say, this is one of their duties. Another important duty is to familiarize the people with the procedures of hajj. We see a great number of people who toil and go on the pilgrimage, but because they do not know the procedures, they get into trouble. They return, and after a few years they say: We did this. Is our pilgrimage acceptable? Or they say: We did not do this. Is it acceptable? Should we go again?

The gentlemen should hold sessions and teach the people the ways of the pilgrimage, both the duties and the traditions. If not the traditions, then they must teach the duties to the people. They must hold such sessions daily. People must go to these classes and learn so they do not encounter problems and upon return have to ask whether they carried out the procedures correctly or not. Once they learn the whole thing, it will go smoothly and the questions will no longer be asked. This is a duty for everyone. The clergyman should carry out their duty and the people must learn duties. It is not sufficient to think that only the going matters and never mind the rest. No, this is different than other places. When you go on a pilgrimage to a shrine and things do not go right, you have no problem, but in this instance, you will encounter a problem and will have to go again. Such problems will come up, and for your own sake, you must learn the procedure so you do not make a mistake which will cause you problems later. This is one issue.

Another issue that the gentlemen accompanying the pilgrims should note is that they must tell the people that political action taken must be systematic. Chaos and individual action in this instance has always been wrong. Everything has to have some order. If they want to get together for some reason, a person in charge of the hajj affairs must prepare a program and they have to act according to that. If people want to act according to their own tastes -- there is a great deal of difference in tastes -- then there will be problems, and worst of all, it will cause (?problems) for the Islamic Republic on some occasions. They must do nothing to harm the name of the Islamic Republic. Propagandists almost all over the world are carrying out propaganda against us, the Islamic Republic. We must do nothing to give them an excuse to use it and expand it as they wish. This is an issue which is the duty of everyone in the caravans. They must arrange all programs according to a plan and stop chaos and individual action. This is a matter that the gentlemen must pay a great deal of attention to. Those who are going on the pilgrimage must take care that, God forbid, their pilgrimage is not turned into sin. It should be all Islam and worship. The marches must be in worship and not sin. They must be for God. It is not acceptable for anyone to do whatever he wishes or swear at whomever he wishes. It is not so.

These issues should be dealt with under a correct program, which should be formulated beforehand. And what is essential for all of us is that we should pay attention to what the international issues are and their exact nature. I think in our present age, all words have lost their intrinsic meaning. We have come to an age where words have lost their real meanings and have taken on different connotations. If a person sees what the word justice means in the world, he realizes that the meaning has changed. The meaning of the word humanitarian has taken on another meaning. If one observes the world's security organizations, he sees that they are not (?related to security), but they are still known as security organizations. If one examines the human rights societies, he sees they support the tyrants, not human beings. They support oppression.

There is no one to ask what the superpowers are doing in the world; no one questions them. Sometimes one hears an opposing voice, but what is important is that the world's big organizations distribute jurisdiction among (?a few people). One cannot say that the work of the security of mankind is in the hands of (?fourteen) persons. This has also lost its meaning. Security should in essence be for all people, but a few persons wield all the authority. Whatever anyone does, one person says: I cannot (?understand) it. After that, it is not possible to convince even one person. And the fact that this is for all people of the world cannot be accepted. Not one person, not even a minor, can accept that if they wish they may plunder the world, that they should be given the authority to do so whenever they wish.

For example in the United Nations, if anyone takes a stand against them, they veto it immediately. That's the end of the matter. If Afghanistan is (?invaded) and you ask why, they tell you it is none of your business. If you criticize Beirut or something similar, they say: It is none of your business. Israel has defied all Islamic countries. They say: Don't interfere. Is it not sad that it should be so? Aren't those who Israel went against also human beings? They say don't interfere. Israel came and took Beirut, committed all those atrocities, disrupted the Palestinian Liberation Organization and scattered it everywhere. You who were silent and made no effort to put up any resistance -- you did not even utter a word in protest -- know that your turn will come. Israel will come against you, too. It is unfortunate that Islam shows you this path and you who profess to be Muslims take that one. Islam is very strict with violators and aggressors, but some who profess to follow Islam still encourage them.

The United States is deeply involved in these crimes. Crimes have been committed in Beirut with the covert collusion of the United States and the Zionists, the brutal Zionists. These criminals committed these crimes but the United States was the instigator. They themselves have admitted they acted on the plans formulated by the United States. If there were no United States, Israel would have been told to stay out. Israel is the stick wielded by the United States to deal blows.

Then there are these gentlemen who profess to follow Islam and have pretensions to uphold the cause of the Muslims. They offer everything to the United States and then apologize to it as well. Is it not indeed pitiful for nations, for Islam, for all? These nations do not think about what they will do if they do not have anything. See what they have done to Beirut, to women and children, the poor and the helpless; they have done everything and destroyed everything. Everyone sat and watched and only a few dared utter support, and if they uttered a word, it was a word they uttered and left, and all the atrocities continued. Do you think Israel is content with this state of affairs? Israel is adamant that all Muslims should be destroyed. The United States is also insistent that there should be no Islam.

The very fact that the Islamic Republic bears the name Islamic and wishes to follow Islam makes everyone oppose it. They oppose it through propaganda saying we favor the United States. Sometimes they say we are pro-Israeli. For more than 20 years we have been crying that our troubles stem from Israel and the United States. Does this prove we are pro-Israel? But those who say they are against Israel are sitting and letting Israel destroy whatever (?it wishes). What have they done? These are our problems; we are in an age when everything is to the contrary. Those who say they are Muslims have attributed some other meaning to Islam; they should be told of the correct Islam. The one who pretends to be an expert on Islam interprets it as something else. The one who champions human rights also distorts the meaning. Words have lost their correct meaning and are hollow. As I said, you yourselves should see what words express the actual (?sense), words that denote social justice, human rights, the security organizations, (?space) organizations and see which of those stand for (?what they are).

Which of these conveys the meaning it is supposed to? Islam -- which is the real Islam and which is opposed to it? Each one says it is the real thing. What they call the rightful Islam is the one which is opposed to all the real tenets and allows such heinous crimes. The term terrorism is taken as rebellion of armed forces. Is armed rebellion what we witness on television? Is it the massacre of children and setting of fires? Is this armed rebellion? These words have changed in meaning. It seems that armed rebellion means that one terrorist is (?wealthier) than another. Now that I have told you the correct meanings you should be on the lookout for them. If in this world you can find a term which means what it says, it will be (?amazing). But, for example, on the meaning of "Eastern" [words indistinct] whatever I say, they will say the contrary. What they say is also diametrically opposed to what they do. They say Islam, Islam, Islam. Islam should be the true Islam. When they see such crimes, what happens to the true Islam?

They who talk about human rights trample the weaker nations, the oppressed nations and they call it (?justice). They say they rebelled for peace. Where is the peace when they are inciting war? The same kind of war that we are embroiled in is what they call peace. All these wars have been started by them. They say that all these wars have been started so there may be peace in the world.

If you contemplate what I just said, that words have lost their meaning, and if you want to see how, you can see it in what Saddam has said. A few days ago Saddam gave an interview in the presence of a large group of commanders and sergeants; those words cannot be repeated; one can only see. He gathered all of them to distribute victory awards to them so they may [word indistinct] in the region. Even the word victory has lost its meaning; victory awards have lost their meaning. I would have gone after him and slapped him and thrown him out. [shouts from the crowd] The meaning has been lost.

He talks so much of Islam. He says: You all have, during the course of history -- I do not recall the exact words -- not only now but for posterity you have proved your intense fervor for Islam. You love people and have treated them well. If these words had not been lost, if their meaning had not been lost, could that man have gone on saying such things? When I heard this eloquence of Saddam and saw his audacity, his nerve in making these false allegations in public and such propaganda, I was reminded of an anecdote. A person asked a student seminarian: Who is (?higher) than an Arab? They say the student took the person to his house and he saw that an old man was being suckled by a wolf. He was really filthy and really (?revolting). The student said: The person you see sucking the wolf's breast is my father and he is drinking directly from the breast so that not one drop of the milk falls to the ground. People are miserly to this extent. And all this (?high status) and (?deference) given to the Arabs and those who have been enjoying it for 30 years, I should say that from the Arabs [work indistinct] and Saddam [shouts] who deem this defeat a victory and are proud of it. [chants from the crowd]

They have now said what they wish to do to our cities. For example, what are they going to do with the Khark Island? What have they not done so far? All the people, the whole world, has realized what you are. You will do all you can, and if there are any crimes left uncommitted, it is because you cannot do them. If you could, you would have bombed the Khark Island and our Islamic centers. You have done as much as you could. All you can do now is shell Abadan and you do it. [Words indistinct] what you can do and you have done it. We have proved that which we (?can achieve) and we sent the flares to be dropped over Basra. We sent our army to Basra and we can also send our artillery. If we do not send them then it is because the training of this army and guards is far (?superior) and different from their army. Their training is on the basis of paganism and ours is an Islamic training which we do not wish to defile. He [Saddam] can't do anything or he would have done it by now. If he could, he would have shelled all the islands and (?areas). By now he would have done whatever he could, whether it was deception, audacity or shelling of residential areas of the poor and oppressed people. All the international groups [media], whose hands are cut off and who are holding their chins and sitting, wrote that Iran could not do anything; Saddam did this and that. The fact is that if Islam had not tied the hands of Iran, then not only Basra but also Baghdad would have been in the (?hands of) our forces. But what can we do? Our hands are tied and yours are loose. Your people are in the hands of Satan, and whatever he says you do.

We are proud to carry out the injunctions of Islam. Our hands are tied and we cannot resist. We should only obey. I hope all of mankind will be guided. I hope the situation mankind is in will be changed as it is not (?right). I hope God will raise the honor of the Islamic countries and will make them incline toward Islam. I beseech God to make our country victorious, to make our troops and guards victorious on the fronts and to enable us to uphold the tenets of Islam and to follow them successfully. [chants and shouts]

FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON PLO EXPULSION

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[Statement issued by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs -- date not given; Tehran International Service in Arabic at 1430 GMT on 24 August carries a summary of the statement saying it was issued on 24 August]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. All our problems stem from the United States -- Imam Khomeyni. Clouds of conspiracy join together one after another and cover the blood-red sky of Lebanon and heroic Beirut. The criminal United States and its illegitimate child, the usurping Israel, by repeating the big and unforgettable tragedy of Hiroshima in heroic Beirut clearly proved that world arrogance is prepared to commit the filthiest crimes and savagery in every corner of the world in order to realize its illegitimate interests.

The massacre of the deprived and Muslim people of Lebanon and Palestine throughout Lebanon and particularly in west Beirut, and the destruction of houses and hospitals, show the depths of this baseness and abjectivity. No doubt this bloody massacre is a shameful stain on the arch-Satan and the Zionist regime and it also exposes the nature of the reactionary regimes which, because of their dependence as hirelings on the international superpower, not only did not open their mouths during the 70-odd days of steadfastness and resistance by the Muslim and heroic people of Palestine and Lebanon but rather secretly strived to help in the step by step implementation of it.

The history of the Arab world and Muslims of the region will never forget this crime committed by the U.S. puppet regimes which claim to be Muslims. Their only effective step during this period was to form the At-Ta'if conference and to release a statement on the surrender of the combative Palestinians and their departure from Lebanon.

The U.S.-Zionist plan of Philip Habib, the mercenary who will receive the Noble Peace Prize from his predecessor, that is, the criminal Begin, as a reward for implementing this plot, has had no other aim but to destroy Palestinian aspirations, to fight against the Islamic revolution in the region and to expand the Camp David accords. Certainly the plan will not end in the limited area of Lebanon's borders. The 34-year shameful history of the occupying regime of Al-Quds has clearly shown its sinister aim of destroying Islam and the Muslims in the region. The presence of the U.S. force and its other dependents in Lebanon and the repeat of the Sinai desert in this country for occupation of the Islamic countries can clearly expose the future plans of colonialism in this part of the world. The banishment and scattering of the Palestinian strugglers to Arab countries and the selection of some puppet regimes such as Iraq and Jordan for this purpose in themselves speak eloquently of the complete collaboration of the Arab reactionaries in implementation of this scheme.

Holding the presidential elections in Lebanon and imposing a puppet regime, dependent on Israel and United States, upon this country when the Palestinian combatants have not yet left Beirut and this land is under the occupation of U.S. soldiers and soldiers of the Zionist regime who wear Wellington boots are in themselves eloquent warnings to the Muslim and combative people and the dear followers of Lebanon that even a moment of negligence and shortcoming in confronting the plots of the arch-Satan will certainly result on nothing but destruction, shame and misery.

Crimes by the United States and the Zionist regime against Lebanon in the not too distant future will clearly show that contrary to the propaganda of international imperialism, which is trying to blame the nation of Palestine for the destruction and the disorganized situation in Lebanon, the mother of corruption and the main responsible elements of all these crimes are none other than the United States and the Zionist regime. Nobody else could commit such crimes.

It is hoped that this affair will be a lesson to the responsible authorities and combatants of Palestine to rectify their past mistakes and errors. It is hoped this will teach them not to count on and to give up expectations of the reactionary regimes and the hypocrites who have taken advantage of Palestinian aspirations and have used them as a trench to preserve their shameful hegemony over the Muslim and Arab masses. It teaches them to seek the way of salvation only through dear Islam and by joining the Muslim people of the region. It is hoped they will learn not to rely on the puppet governments.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while condemning the U.S. plot to expel the Palestinian warriors from Lebanon and to scatter them in Arab countries announces that the Muslim people and the developed countries of the region should be prepared to confront such future aggressions and schemes of the United States and the Zionist regime as bringing pressure to bear on the Islamic Republic of Iran and the developed governments of the region, the dictates of the disgraceful Camp David accord and the stabilization of the Ba'thist-Zionist regime of Iraq. They should realize that as long as world arrogance, headed by the United States and the Zionist regime, remains in this part of the world as daggers to the hearts of its Muslim people, they should expect such tragedies and crimes at all times.

It is hoped the deprived and Muslim nations, through their monolithic and general uprising, will (?unite) to annihilate this germ of corruption and rise to put an end to the hegemony of the arch-Satan and its agents in the region.

May God's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you all.

[Signed] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran

'MODERATES, REACTIONARIES' CRITICIZED ON LEBANON

Rafsanjani Remarks

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[Excerpts] According to a report from the Central News Unit, Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani this morning received a group of Islamic students in Europe, some female teachers from Marvdasht and a number of participants in the Martyr Bahonar Camp. Referring to the general situation in the world and events in Lebanon, the speaker said: The general situation in the world, particularly the recent events in Lebanon, shows the crucial significance of the Islamic revolution as well as the (?viability) of our tactics. He added: The superpowers, particularly America and their (?allies), enjoy a stable situation. Consequently, wherever their interests seem to be threatened or their future aggression curtailed they mobilize all of their available resources to ruthlessly crush the opposing forces. We witnessed the height of this ruthlessness and atrocity against the civilized world in Lebanon. In order to evict the deprived and homeless Palestinians from Lebanon, these powers trampled on all international principles and encouraged Israel to kill many people and to commit many crimes. Then whenever the issue of condemning Israel is raised at the UN, America arrogantly vetoes it. So much insolence by those claiming to adhere to human rights principles is truly offensive.

The speaker then cited the betrayals committed by the countries of the region, saying: The reactionary countries of the region as well as the oil magnates have displayed the utmost lack of character. They have no justification whatsoever for the situation that has occured in Lebanon, because the oil producing countries could have brought America to its knees by using the powerful oil weapon. They could have cut Israel's hands off from Lebanon.

Continuing his remarks Rafsanjani said: The present international situation, the present world, would not hesitate for a minute if it could topple the Islamic Republic, because the Persian Gulf, this ocean of oil, is more important to them than Lebanon. The speaker then said: They used to enjoy controlling Iran as an anchor of stability in the region. However, Iran has today become a lever for movement in the region. Therefore, they will not spare any efforts to crush the Islamic Republic with all of the means at their disposal. This revolution poses a great threat to oppression. Accordingly, our duty is similarly great. On the other hand, the superpowers' forces are quite large. This became evident in Lebanon, where all of them joined forces and cut off the Palestinians heads. They also joined forces behind the scenes to sacrifice us as well. Consequently, it is up to us to make it absolutely clear and to prevent those who are involved in hatching plots in Lebanon from interfering there in certain ways.

Concluding his remarks, Rafsanjani said: We all support the iman. We must fulfill this important task with the cooperation of you combative brothers. God is with us.

Majlis Deputies

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 24, IRNA -- Majlis deputies today lashed out at moderate and reactionary governments of the region for having remained passively silent in a showdown leading to the Palestinians evacuation of southern Lebanon. The first speaker of the open session of the Majlis this morning was the deputy from Esfahan, Mohammad Salavati, who talked about the problems facing the Palestinian people. He criticised the cowardly silence of some Arab leaders towards the Zionist invasion of Lebanon and the massacre of thousands of people there. To encounter the savage attack of the regime occupying Jerusalem, he added, the Arab oil producing countries did not even go as far as stopping oil exports for a few days.

The next speaker of the session, the deputy from Shahr-e Babak, Abdulmajid Agha-Karimi, touched on the crisis in Lebanon and said that United States imperialism in collaboration with the Zionist regime and the reactionary rulers of the region, had plotted to make the Palestinian fighters evacuate western Beirut. He further praised the Resistance and the fight put up by the Palestinian guerrillas during the nearly 80 days of the siege of western Beirut by the Zionist regime.

He further advised the Palestinian combatants to intensify their struggle and called on Arab oil producing countries to impose an oil embargo on the U.S. "Once the Iranian people have defeated the Iraqi regime," said he, "they would then pioneer all other forces for the liberation of Jerusalem."

The Zionist regime should realise that the Islamic revolution of Iran will not sit silent until Jerusalem is liberated, said the deputy from Mashhad, Mohammad Abde-Khodaie. Condemning the crimes of the Zionist regime in Lebanon and the betrayal of the Palestinian cause by the reactionary rulers of the region, he said the puppets of the U.S. and the aiders of the Zionist regime would never take any practical action for the liberation of Jerusalem.

The session ended at noon and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning.

TEHRAN ARABIC: 'BULLETS' ELECT AL-JUMAYYIL

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] O brothers, today Arab reaction is rejoicing because the Palestinians have left Lebanon and Bashir al-Jumayyil has become president. Today Lebanon became a prisoner of Zionism and the Crusades. Today wounded Lebanon has been arrested and sent to jail pending the final sentence.

The one who threatened and intimidated has become the jailer. The one who destroyed Lebanon and its people has become the president of Lebanon. Bashir al-Jumayyil has become president of the Lebanese Republic and the illegitimate Lebanese Goverment whose status is upheld by various parties and organizations.

The Lebanese Government has moved into the hands of Bashir al-Jumayyil, the murder of Lebanese people. These groups upheld the legitimacy of the Lebanese Government to give it later to Bashir al-Jumayyil. They have been preparing for the day when Lebanon will not have even one bullet to use for the Lebanese or Palestinian cause. They have been making preparations so that Lebanon would be able to welcome Bashir al-Jumayyil as president. And they have been making preparations to receive the invading Israeli forces.

How could Bashir al-Jumayyil not become the president of the republic if all their excellencies and all their majesties [the Arab rulers] are on his side? How could he not become president when the Arab rulers are on his side standing in one trench with the Phalangists and casting their votes for the Al-Jumayyil family? How could he not become president when the United States and Israel are on his side and the East and West harmoniously assist and supply him with what he needs? How could Al-Jumayyil not become president of the republic when Israeli forces guard the gates to the Presidency and impose restrictions against those entering or leaving? How could Al-Jumayyil not be president if the nominator is Philip Habib, the voter is the Israeli enemy and the executor is U.S. imperialism? They wanted Lebanon to reach this end.

For 9 years, efforts have been intensifying to make this imperialist dream come true, namely evacuating the Palestinian fighters from Lebanon and handing Lebanon over to the reactionary Phalangist Party. Now Lebanon has been completely cleared of all fighters and its land has become a field for the horses of the Phalangists. They contemplated this day more than 9 years ago and purchased the dead consciences of rulers and governments, asking them to keep silent even if Beirut was burned. They also asked them to receive the Palestinian forces on Israel's demand. The rulers and governments always obeyed. They absented Imam Musa as-Sadr, Lebanon's conscience, in order to carry out the rest of the conspiracy. They bought parties and figures throughout Lebanon so they would add their votes to others during the election.

Later they said to Israel: Crush, kill, destroy and banish; then tell the Palestinians to leave Lebanon so that Bashir al-Jumayyil can conduct his election freely. On election day, the parliament members were dragged by force from their houses to a Lebanese Army barracks guarded by Israeli tanks. The Phalangist gangs went from one house to another asking the members of parliament to come and elect Al-Jummayyil and if they refused, bullets were the proper answer. This is what they did to Hasan ar-Rafa'i, member of parliament for Al-Hirmil district. When he refused to obey they shot him five times. When only 58 members showed up, the Israelis mustered all their capabilities and dragged 4 members from their houses and took them to the barracks so that a quorum could be achieved. This is the kind of democracy which the Zionists and Bashir al-Jumayyil understand.

It is the democracy of bullets, not parliamentary democracy. The votes of bullets alone elected Al-Jumayyil and not the votes of deputies because a gun was stuck in the back of every deputy. With this prevailing democracy in the barracks, Bashir al-Jumayyil has been able to ascend to the presidential seat, thus crushing the law under his feet and putting himself above the law because he is Hitler's and Mussolini's descendant. Therefore, salutations to the democracy of bullets and blood and congratulations to Arab reaction Zionism and imperialism because the day they dreamed of has become true.

OFFICIAL WARNS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 23 IRNA -- Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Hoseyn Shaykh ol-Eslam returned to Tehran this morning at the end of a 12-day visit to Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia and Vietnam.

During his visits he met and conferred with the heads of state, foreign ministers and other officials of these countries and outlined the rightful stands of the Islamic Republic of Iran vis-a-vis the Iraqi imposed war, the ability of the Islamic defenders for triumphing in the war, the nature of Baghdad's Ba'thist regime, and the need to seek other venue than Baghdad for the non-aligned summit and the foreign ministers' assembly in Baghdad. He further presented President Khamene'i's message to the heads of these countries.

Expressing his satisfaction with the results he gained during his visits, Shaykh ol-Eslam said that Iran's positions and its pre-conditions for a cease-fire were agreed by the officials of these countries. He also said that in case Iraq had not attacked Iran, the Zionist regime would have not dared to attack Lebanon.

During his meetings with the officials of these countries, he said, he reiterated Iran's view that the extraordinary conference of the Islamic foreign ministers could not be held in Baghdad for the same reason that Baghdad has been disqualified as host to the non-aligned summit, or else the session would be boycotted by the progressive countries of the Non-aligned Movement, and naturally its position weakened.

Referring to the PLO's evacuation from Lebanon, he said it was "a plot in perpetuation of the Camp David conspirasy". He further said that the forces which had come to Lebanon under the guise of peace-keeping forces were there to occupy Islamic territories and to [words indistinct] lands to their already usurped lands.

Warned he: "Any foreign troops to arrive in Lebanon will be solely responsible for their own safety, since Muslims cannot tolerate their wretched presence (in Lebanon)".

TURKISH COMMENTARY OPPOSES CONVENING ARAB SUMMIT

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[Unattributed commentary: "Act Two of the Theatrical Performance Entitled 'The Middle East'"]

[Excerpts] Dear listeners, international imperialism is currently preparing to stage the second act of the theatrical performance entitled: The Arab Middle East. This theatrical performance, whose senario was included in the Camp David agreement and later listed in the eight-point plan put forward by Fahd, is actually being staged by an inauspicious group composed of the vampire United States, the Zionist regime, which is occupying the Muslim land of Palestine, and compromising Arab governments.

It is obvious the current aligned and coordinated political moves in the Arab world constitute a prelude to the conclusion of lasting agreements which will enhance the presence of Zionists in the heart of the Islamic world. Of course, this is the natural outcome of the silence preferred by aligned Arab governments in the face of the military attack organized against Lebanon by terrorist Begin -- an attack which has resulted in the merciless killing of Palestinian and Lebanese women and children. Taking into consideration the latest developments in Lebanon, it can be said that the military attack organized by the Zionists against Lebanon, with the go-ahead Israel received from the criminal United States, was actually realized with the permission of the aligned Arab governments.

Those who draw compromising lines for the United States, the Zionist regime and the aligned governments in the region know well that the settlement of the Muslim Palestinian revolutionaries in Lebanon as an active military force would not give their compromising plans a chance to succeed. Viewed from this angle, the developments in Lebanon will be easier to understand. This is due to the fact that the Arab world maintained such an ambiguous silence in the face of all the savage and inhuman treatment of the Muslim Lebanese people and the Palestinian refugees by the aggressive Zionist troops that despite the PLO's repeated calls for a debate on the question of Lebanon, the Arab heads of state failed to organize a preparatory meeting. In light of all this, the following important question is being put to the world: What has happened in the immediate aftermath of resolving the question of Lebanon, which led to an agreement to evacuate the Palestinians from that country, that caused those who opposed the convening of an Arab summit only a few days ago to now display a very rarely seen impatience for organizing that conference?

Undoubtedly, a close study of the activities of international oppressors and the coordinated moves they make with the aligned governments in the region will bring the bitter facts to light in a most clear way. Thus, it becomes crystal clear that the widescale military assault by the Zionist regime and its savage crimes, massacres and destruction are but only a minute part of a major conspiracy to keep the compromising elements in power at the expense of Lebanon's destruction. This coordinated conspiracy is aimed at sacrificing the Palestinian people's Islamic revolution in a legal way, condemning the self-sacrificing Palestinian fighters to camps under their control in various countries, as if they were prisoners of war, and establishing an autonomous Palestinian state in the West Bank within the framework of the Camp David agreement -- an autonomous state, which will be imposed on the people of the region.

In the light of all this, isn't it a fact that the convening of an Arab summit, which a number of people are so impatient to hold, is aimed at legalizing the abovementioned conspiracy? Under the circumstances, isn't it obvious that an Arab summit to be convened by the aligned Arab governments will create the necessary atmosphere for reviving the Fahd plan? Is this move conducive to the Arab world and to the world of Islam? If the leaders of regimes dominating the Arab world have forgotten the reasons which led to the failure of the Fes summit sometime ago, the poor Muslim masses have not forgotten them at all. In fact, the Muslim masses are vigilant and wise enough not to yield to Fahd's plan immediately.

Although the Zionist military attacks have succeeded in attaining their objectives -- objectives such as massacring Lebanese and Palestinian Muslims, evicting the Palestinian fighters from Lebanon and destroying Lebanese cities -- they will never be able to contribute toward the success of summit conferences such as the Fes summit. This is due to the fact that the Muslims are now vigilant and the Islamic revolution is making new strides with every passing day. Even though the United States, the Zionist regime which is occupying the Muslim land of Palestine and the aligned Arab governments may feel certain that their treacherous plans will succeed, there should be no doubt that the Islamic world will never surrender to international imperialism. The anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist stand of the Muslims will continue. And, within the framework of this struggle, giving priority to the struggle against the aligned Arab governments will also continue whenever it becomes necessary.

ISLAMIC PARTY ANALYZES TUDEH POSITION ON WAR

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[Text] Tehran, Aug 22 IRNA -- The morning daily JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC). today printed an analysis of the Political Bureau of the Islamic Republic Party (IRP) concerning the position taken by the pro-Soviet Tudeh Party, and the pro-Tudeh Party faction of the Feda'iyan-e Khalq organisation which is referred to as the Feda'iyan-e majority, on the Iraqi imposed war and ways of reaching a peace.

The IRP analysis is based on commentaries by the Tudeh Party and the Feda'iyan-e majority, in the recent issues of their publications. The secretary general of the Tudeh Party, Nureddin Kianuri, commenting on the war and the retreat of the Iraqi forces from Iranian territory and a peace settlement, referred to a recent report of the Centre for Strategic Studies of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., on the issue of the Iraq-Iran war. The centre has said that the war had brought Iraq closer to the conservative regimes of the Persian Gulf and the Iranian threat had created an alliance between Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

The report had noted that a military defeat for Iraq would make it abandon its rivalry with Saudi Arabia for the role of leadership of the moderate countries.

The Georgetown University report said the war would further isolate Syria and preserve the interests of the Zionist regime. The fall of Saddam would make Iraq unstable and endanger the economic interests of the Arabs and pave the way for expansion of relations between Iraq and the U.S. on the grounds that the Soviets would not be willing to sell arms to Iraq.

Based on this report, Kianuri had concluded that the U.S. role was to make the Iranian forces push into Iraqi territory and engage Iran in a war of attrition, which in his words was a great danger for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Meanwhile, the publication of the majority Feda'iyan-e in a recent issue said that imperialism was afraid of a just peace. The article referred to the heavy expenditure of the war, the human resources used and the difficulties created for the "toiling masses."

According to majority Feda'iyan-e, increased dissatisfaction as a result of the war would encourage counterrevolutionaries and weaken the pillars of the revolution. The commentary added that establishment of a just peace would enable Iran to take part in repelling imperialist and Zionist aggression against the people of Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. The article suggested that all diplomatic means be used to repel the aggression and reach a just peace. The publication of the Feda'iyan-e also stressed that only the people of Iraq had the right to decide on the system of their government and the Islamic Republic should by no means interfere in such issues.

The IRP analysis said that the identical view of the two pro-Soviet groups was in fact in accordance with the recent position of the Soviet Government on the issue of the [word indistinct]. PRAVDA, [word indistinct] of the Soviet Communist Party in an article printed nearly a month ago, said that taking the war into the Iraqi territory would involve more countries.

Referring to the financial and human cost of the war, the newspaper noted that since the outbreak of the war the Soviet Union had stressed that it should be terminated soon and that its continuation served the interest of U.S. imperialism and the Zionist regime and at the same time hurt the Palestinian cause.

The analysis said that the two groups, following the guidelines and policies of the Soviet Union, were trying to prevent Iranian forces from entering Iraq. This was because the Soviet Union, like the U.S. and the Western bloc, has no effective substitute for the Iraqi president, Saddam Husayn. In addition, the communist parties because of their ideological proximity with the Ba'thists, would not want a change in Iraq with no clear future for such a change, added the analysis. The point was raised that despite the claims of the Tudeh Party, the Soviet Union has not been unwilling to sell arms to Iraq and the presence of Soviet MiG's and tanks in the Iraqi Army showed the interest of the Soviets in protecting Saddam Husayn.

The analysis further pointed out that the victory of Iran over Iraq would lead to numerous positive consequences for the Islamic Republic and at the same time would result in our [as received] unpredictable situation for the Soviet Union in the region and within its own borders. Meanwhile, it asserted the greater danger in the Middle East for both superpowers was that the Islamic Republic after removing Saddam would then confront the Zionist regime directly and turn the Middle East region into a battlefield against the Zionist regime and thus take away the initiative of action from the leaders of the Kremlin and the White House.

The recommendations of the Tudeh Party and the majority Feda'iyan-e concerning the utilisation of diplomatic methods and mediators, proved nothing but the subservience of these groups to Moscow, the IRP analysis said. It concluded by stating that the Iranian nation based on its past experience, had only one answer to such plots, "vigorous struggle with the aggressor enemy who through the support of the East and the West has attacked our Islamic revolution". The people of Iran, it added, would not relinquish its present military superiority, which was their only weapon on regaining their legitimate rights. It labelled the Moscow inspired suggestions nonsense because such a stance will not establish a "just peace", but an "imposed peace".

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 1,026 ON WAR WITH IRAQ

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[Communique No 1,026 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Islam's victorious combatants in their confrontation against the aggressive enemy and armed with their steadfastness and selflessness are striving toward success in the great divine test. Thanks to the courage of these worthy heroes, the fortresses of Saddamist blasphemy are crumbling and God's will with regard to the triumph of good over evil is being realized.

During the past 24 hours in the operational zone in the southern parts of the country, our forces opened heavy artillery and mortar fire and hit the positions and fortifications of the Iraqi forces, destroying a number of the enemy's light and heavy weapons' emplacements. As a result of these operations, the engineering activities of the Iraqi mercenaries were halted and damage was inflicted on some of their equipment and armored vehicles.

The fighting (?units) of the navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, deployed in the Abadan and Khorramshahr region, while defending the positions under their control and retaliating against enemy fire, destroyed four enemy machinegun emplacements and observation posts and two bunkers together with their servicemen. The coastal units of the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran opened fire on the positions of the Saddamists on the opposite bank of Arvand Rud [Shatt al-Arab] and stopped the movement of enemy fuel tankers and engineering equipment along the Al-Faw-Basrah highway.

Yesterday Abadan came under the long-range weapons fire of the Saddamist army. Enemy mortar shells hit and destroyed three houses and two shops in that city and a few places were also set ablaze.

In the operational zone in the western part of the country, our combatants' activities are continuing. The artillery units of the ground forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran opened fire on enemy artillery and mortar positions and silenced the active batteries of the Iraqi forces. In the Paveh and Marivan region an exchange of fire continued with our forces maintaining total superiority. In the Kani Kabud region, Islam's forces continued their patrol and pursuit operations in the heights in the region.

Yesterday, thanks to our antiaircraft fire and tactical operations by fighter aircraft of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, enemy air operations, whether border intrusions or air reconnaissance flights, were neutalized in time and the intruding aircraft were forced to flee.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

CLANDESTINE REVIEWS QOTBZADEH'S LIFE, TRIAL

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[Excerpts] The trial of Sadeq Qotbzadeh, which was being held in a military court, ended yesterday. The judges began deliberations, but according to the latest reports, the verdict is being delayed for an unknown reason.

Qotbzadeh was one of the important elements in Khomeyni's victory. He, who is known for moral corruption abroad, was in charge of propaganda for Khomeyni at the beginning of his blight and was his spokesman. He called himself Khomeyni's adopted son.

Following his dismissal as foreign minister, Qotbzadeh set up a commercial company in Iran and Switzerland with the cooperation of some Islamic Republic officials and influential mullahs, including Khomeyni's son Ahmad, and took over apart of the foreign trade of the Islamic regime and made a great deal of profit. The same Qotbzadeh, who at the beginning repeatedly claimed on television to be wearing brother's clothes and allegedly only received 2,500 tumans a month (?from Khomeyni), after 3 years has become one of the Iranian millionaires with a large bank account in Switzerland. This "twinkle in the eye of the imam of Jamaran" and a partner of his son is now being accused and tried for plotting against the regime which he himself helped found and for plotting to kill the [word indistinct] imam.

The clamor about Qotbzadeh's imaginary plot has been quite profitable for the regime; Ayatollah Shari'atmadari was forced out of the field and military personnel were arrested and murdered. Meanwhile, considering the silence maintained by the newspapers of Tehran and the regime's propaganda machinery on the subject of Qotbzadeh's trial, it is possible he will receive a prison term of several years, or, at worst, a life sentence instead of execution. This is especially possible because of the great effort of some Syrian and Algerian officials to save Qotbzadeh's life. According to one of the regime's officials, Qotbzadeh has given them a good deal of information about individuals whom he alleges were his coconspirators. His confessions have resulted in the arrests of large numbers of people, some of whom have already been executed by firing squads.